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To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the Committee on
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From: Andrew Poat, Director
Re: **Final Status Report of Council approved
2003 State Legislative Positions**
Date: October 14, 2003

This report tracks the status of all state legislation for which the City Council has adopted an official position.

Background

The State Legislature completed its 2003 session on September 12, 2003. Under California law, the Governor is provided 30 days from the end of the legislative session to either sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.

Now that the October 12, 2003 deadline for the Governor to either sign or veto legislation has passed, GRD has developed this memo to provide a comprehensive update on all legislation for which the City has registered an official position.

Executive Summary

Below is a listing and status of legislation which was deemed a priority either by the Mayor, City Council or City departments. The summary of the following bills can be found in the main body of this memo.

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Economic & Community Development

Priority

AB 439 (Matthews) Enterprise Zones: Expansion

Purpose: Relates to existing law which provides that an enterprise zone meeting specified criteria may be expanded by 15%. The bill increases to 25% the area by which an enterprise zone meeting these criteria may be expanded.

Status: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee

City Position: Support

AB 592 (Thomas) Economic Development: Enterprise Zones

Purpose: Authorizes the governing body of a city or county to apply to the Tech., Trade, and Commerce Agency for approval to reconfigure the geographic boundaries of an existing enterprise zone within the local governing body's jurisdiction if certain conditions are met.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 708 (Correa) Enterprise Zones

Purpose: Extends the applicability of the 20-year time period to all designated enterprise zones that meet the specified criteria.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1058 (Lieber) Community Redevelopment

Purpose: Provides that any redevelopment agency that incorporates specified community benefit standards into a redevelopment project is exempt from any transfer of tax increment funds to the General Fund within the State Treasury.

Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

City Position: Support

SB 109 (Torlakson) Redevelopment: Major Audit Violations

Purpose: Characterizes major violations of redevelopment law by redevelopment agencies as major audit violations. Requires the Controller to send relevant documents and affidavits to the Attorney General with a list of agencies that have uncorrected violations. Requires those agencies to respond to any action within 15 days of service. Requires the agency to forfeit a prescribed amount to the State under specified conditions.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 114 (Torlakson) Financial Assistance: Relocation Retailers

Purpose: Eliminates the authority of a redevelopment agency or local agency to provide any form of financial assistance to an automobile dealership or big box retailer that is relocating from the territorial jurisdiction of one community to the territorial jurisdiction of another community but within the same market area.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 938 (McPherson) Parking & Business Improvement Area Law

Purpose: Authorizes a city council to establish a parking and business improvement area and to levy benefit assessments on businesses within the area for the purpose of providing specified improvements and activities for a period not to exceed 5 years.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Support

General Legislative Positions

AB 251 (Parra) Interagency Task Force: Economic Development

Purpose: Requires the Secretary of Technology, Trade and Commerce and the Secretary of Labor, jointly, to establish, not later than March 1, 2004, an Interagency Task Force on Excellence in Economic Development, with a specified membership. Requires the task force to conduct specified activities and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the state's economic development investments.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Seek Amendments

AB 332 (Mullin) Airports: Land Use Commissions

Purpose: Declares Legislature's intent to clarify that school and community college districts are subject to an airport comprehensive land use compatibility plan. Provides that a local or public agency may propose to overrule an airport land use commission's action or recommendation affecting an airport within the jurisdiction of that public agency after a hearing.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 406 (Jackson) Environmental Quality

Purpose: Prohibits a person, including a project applicant or applicant's retained consultant, from submitting a draft environmental review document to the public agency responsible for reviewing the project. Prohibits a public agency responsible for reviewing environmental documents from accepting comments on a draft document until commencement of the comment period.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Oppose. Cost prohibitive for local governments.

AB 410 (Haynes) California Neighborhood Initiative

Purpose: Enacts the California Neighborhood Initiative to require the Technology, Trade, and Commerce Agency to designate, and annually recertify, 25 California Renewal Communities with the state, subject to specified criteria, to be linked with available federal funding, public or private resources, and specified state resources.

Status: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee

City Position: No Position

AB 411 (Haynes) California New Markets Venture Capital Program Act

Purpose: Enacts the California New Markets Venture Capital Program Act of 2003, which requires the Tech., Trade, and Commerce Agency to establish the New Markets Venture Capital Program. Authorizes the agency to enter into participation agreements with eligible New Markets Venture Capital companies so that they can make developmental venture capital investments in smaller enterprises in low-income areas.

Status: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee

City Position: Support

AB 463 (Oropeza) Transit Facilities: Infill Housing

Purpose: Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that develops an incentive-based strategy to encourage the construction of infill housing and commercial and retail development within opportunity zones in cities, suburbs, and towns, and to provide local governments with transportation funding to reward the approval and construction of infill housing and other developments that are at or near transit facilities.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

AB 492 (Cogdill) Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

Purpose: Requires the Fish and Game commission to notify the owner(s) of each parcel that is adjacent to a proposed wildlife habitat enhancement and mgt. area prior to authorizing the department to issue a license for that area.

Status: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee

City Position: Support.

AB 646 (Mullin) Local Agencies: Revenue Sharing

Purpose: Requires that cities and counties that adopt regional tax revenue-sharing agreements, including contracts that apportion sales tax generated by automobile dealerships or big box retailers, be given priority eligibility in the awarding of competitive state infrastructure funds.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 822 (Matthews) Redevelopment: Transit: Jobs: Housing

Program: Authorizes a redevelopment agency, consistent with the authority granted pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law, to use tax-increment financing to finance projects near transit jointly or in cooperation with other public agencies that are authorized to undertake transit oriented development projects, and projects designed to address jobs-housing imbalances.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch. No impact on City of San Diego, but may be amended.

AB 922 (Maze) CA Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank

Purpose: Requires the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to establish criteria, priorities, and guidelines for the selection of projects to receive assistance from the bank, to be based on a minimum of specified factors. Includes among such factors a requirement that, to the extent practicable, priority be given to projects located in counties with declining populations.

Status: Vetoed

City Position: Oppose

AB 969 (Correa) CA Tourism Expansion Act of 2003

Purpose: Enacts the Tourism Expansion Act of 2003 to require the Tech, Trade, and Commerce Agency to administer a pilot program pursuant to which up to 18 tourism economic development zones would be designated within the geographic boundaries of qualifying cities and counties, upon submission of a proposal by the legislative body of the local agency, subject to specified criteria.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1183 (Thomas) CA & Mexico Financing Authority

Purpose: Establishes the California and Mexico Border Economic Infrastructure Financing Authority, aka the CalMex Border Economic Infrastructure Financing Authority, composed of a specified membership, requires the authority to issue revenue bonds for the construction and improvement of infrastructure projects within Imperial County and within 100 kilometers of the border between Imperial County and Mexico.

Status: Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy Committee

City Position: Watch. Currently does not affect San Diego.

AB 1344 (Garcia) Prevailing Wages: CDBG

Purpose: Excludes from prevailing wage requirements any project that is funded in whole or in part pursuant to a qualified transfer by a city, county or redevelopment agency of qualified real estate property to a nonprofit corporation.

Status: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

City Position: No Position

AB 1354 (Berg) Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent amendments, to establish the Commercial Fisheries Capacity Reduction Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, and to authorize the Fish and Game Commission to establish a capacity reduction fee on the taking of certain species of fish and shellfish to be used to repay loans of California fishermen from the federal government under the buy-back program

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

AB 1626 (Runner) Redevelopment

Purpose: Allows any of the tax revenue allocated to the agency that is not required to be used for housing because the agency made one of specified findings, to be used for other economic development purposes, consistent with the Community Redevelopment Law.

Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

City Position: Watch (spot bill)

SB 203 (Romero) Personal Income Tax: Brownfield Cleanup

Purpose: Authorizes a credit against the Personal Income Tax Law and Bank and Corporation Tax Law for a qualified brownfield property owner for each taxable year beginning on or after January 1, 2003 and before January 1, 2013, in an amount equal to a certain percentage of the costs paid or incurred to clean up a polluted brownfield property to a satisfactory level, as evidenced by a written certification of completion.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Support

SB 294 (Soto) Eminent Domain: Compensation

Purpose: Provides that where property acquired pursuant to eminent domain is part of a larger parcel, instead of the compensation otherwise awarded for the part taken, compensation shall only be awarded for the difference, if any, of the value of the larger parcel taken as a whole, less the value of the remainder taken as a whole.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 501 (Margett) Redevelopment

Purpose: Provides that specified statutory provisions governing the redevelopment of blighted areas shall be known as the Community Redevelopment Law.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

City Position: Watch (Spot)

SB 527 (Vasconcellos) Economic Development: Task Force

Purpose: Establishes the Economic Development Accountability Task Force, with specified public and private members. Requires the task force to develop indicators based on standard objective econometrics, for use in the annual state budget process and in the legislative process to evaluate policies, programs, and tax expenditures intended to stimulate the economy.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Seek Amendments

SB 863 (Hollingsworth) Jobs Housing Balance

Purpose: Revises declaration of intent of the Jobs-Housing Balance Improvement Act.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 864 (Hollingsworth) Redevelopment: Blight

Purpose: Deletes the reference to a lack of necessary commercial facilities that are normally found in neighborhoods as an economic condition that causes blight.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Oppose

SB 918 (Battin) Redevelopment: Blight

Purpose: Revises that provision to instead include a crime rate that is so significantly higher than the community's overall crime rate that it constitutes a serious threat to the public safety and welfare of the persons and property in the area.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Seek Amendments



Energy, Water & Utilities

Priority

AB 1385 (Haynes) Local Gov. Reorganization

Purpose: Provides that in any change of organization or reorganization that includes a detachment of lands from a county water authority, the detached lands shall maintain capacity rights in any public improvements or facilities of the authority that are necessary or convenient for the continued delivery of water to the detached lands. Provides voting procedures for members of the authority

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Oppose. Loss of local control. Substantial risk to the City of San Diego and its representative power at CWA

SB 20 (Sher): Solid Waste; Electronic Waste Products; Recycling

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature to ensure that funds are available to assist cities, counties, and recyclers of electronic wastes in developing programs to safely collect and recycle the hazardous materials contained in electronic wastes, and to promote the refurbishment and reuse of electronic equipment for use by schools and nonprofit agencies.

Status: Chaptered

Natural Resources and Culture Committee Recommendation: Support legislative or regulatory proposals that would encourage comprehensive and innovative solutions to address electronic waste issues at no additional non-recoverable cost to the City.

General Legislative Position

AB 407 (Harmon) Watershed Mgt

Purpose: Declares legislative intent regarding watershed protection programs and partnerships.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch (Spot Bill)

AB 489 (Oropeza) Distribute Generation: Flared Gas

Purpose: Makes a legislative finding and declaration that existing law that requires the PUC to reduce demand for electricity and reduce load during peak demand periods. Finds and declares that it is the interest of the state to encourage the development of self-generation resources that result in net air quality benefit from oil production operations that utilize flared gas.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

AB 562 (Spitzer) 2002 Recycled Water Task Force

Purpose: Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature in subsequent amendments to implement the recommendations of the 2002 Recycled Water Task Force

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch. Task Force recommendations have not yet been submitted or made public.

AB 583 (Leslie) Generation Facilities: Regulation

Purpose: Exempts from existing law prohibiting any facility for the generation of electricity owned by a public utility to be disposed of prior to January 1, 2006, the sale, transfer, abandonment or other disposition of a facility for the generation of electricity or of an interest in such facility that is located outside of the State and is owned exclusively by a public utility that serves a specified number of connections in the State.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 607 (Plescia) Landscape Water Conservation

Purpose: Enacts the Landscape Water Conservation Rate Structure Act, permitting a city, county, or city and county by ordinance to exempt itself from the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act if it is located wholly within the boundaries of one or more water districts that have adopted a landscape water conservation rate structure that complies with certain requirements.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Oppose. Loss of local control

AB 653 (Nunez) Energy Efficiency: Public Buildings

Purpose: Extends provisions authorizing the State Public Works Board to issued bonds and notes to finance the cost of cogeneration, alternative energy equipment and public building conservation measures. Makes projects that combine conservation measures and alternative energy equipment eligible for such funding. Requires the board, in determining whether to issue funding for projects, to evaluate each project in its entirety and analyze its costs and benefits.

Status: Senate

City Position: Support

AB 859 (Nakano) Water Security, Drinking Water, Coastal & Beach Protection Act of 2002

Purpose: Reappropriates funds appropriated in the Budget Act of 2000 from the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund to the State Coastal Conservancy to acquire, protect and restore the Ballona Wetlands.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: No Position

AB 860 (Bates) Electrical Corporations: Desalination Plants

Purpose: Excludes from the definition of "electrical corporation" a corporation or person owning an undivided interest in electrical generating facility selling electricity to one other corporation or person located on the real property on which the electricity is generated for the purpose of operating a seawater desalination plant producing water for sale to the electrical generating facility.

Status: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 925 (Richman) Powerplants: Permits

Purpose: Reduces the number of conditions a power plant must meet to qualify for an expedited permit, including deleting the requirement that the power plant either be modified, replaced, removed, or cease to operate in 3 years. Extends indefinitely the provision requiring the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to establish a process for the expedited review of applications to construct and operate thermal power plants.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1015 (Laird) Land use: Water Supply

Purpose: Requires the land use element of the general plan of a city or county to be amended by July 1, 2006, to identify existing and planned sources of water supply, including groundwater, that are expected to be adequate to serve existing and planned future development and land uses in average, dry, and multiple dry years

Status: Assembly Floor

City Position: Support

AB 1020 (Laird) Public Water Systems: Civil Actions; Contaminants

Purpose: Authorizes a public water system to bring a civil action against the party responsible for the presence of a contaminant in surface water or groundwater supplies utilized by the public water system for drinking water, for designated costs to the public water system associated with the investigation, remediation, filtration, or treatment of water containing that contaminant.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1169 (Bermudez) Energy

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature to develop legislation relating to energy produced in this state.

Status: Senate

City Position: Watch. Spot bill.

AB 1214 (Firebaugh) Net Energy Metering: Fuel Cell Customer Generators

Purpose: Requires every electrical corporation to provide net energy metering for eligible fuel cell customer-generators until the total cumulative rated generating capacity used by the eligible fuel cell customer-generators equals 75 megawatts within their service territory.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 1237 (Salinas) Electrical Corps: Nonprofit Organization Energy Efficiency Revolving Loans

Purpose: Requires that a program implementation plan filed by an electrical corporation with the Public Utilities Commission for the funding of the energy efficiency and conservation activities include a revolving direct loan program for energy efficiency improvements at facilities that are owned and operated by nonprofit organizations.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

Energy

AB 151 (Vargas): Air Pollution Importation of Electrical Energy Purpose:

Requires any person that imports electrical energy into the State, or causes electricity to be imported into the State, to pay a per kilowatt hour air contaminant emission mitigation fee for that electricity, not to exceed the cost of mitigation, as determined by the State Air Resources Board; establishes the Imported Electricity Air Pollution Mitigation Sub-account in the Air Pollution Control Fund.

Status: Senate

City Position: Support

AB 1352 (Maddox) Municipally Owned Utilities

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature to facilitate the most efficient operation of municipally owned utilities by restructuring the functions and duties of the agencies responsible for oversight and governance of the electrical utility market.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

SB 46 (Alpert): Distributed Energy Resources

Purpose: Relates to rates for customers who install distributed energy resources. Expands distributed energy resources criterion to include electric generation technology that commenced between 05/01/01 and 06/01/05, except that gas-fired distributed energy resources that are not operated in a combined heat and power application must commence operation by 09/01/02.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

City Position: Support

SB 72 (Dunn): Independent System Operator (ISO)

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature in subsequent amendments to remove control of this state's electricity transmission system from the ISO.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

City Position: Oppose

Water

SB 117 (Machado): Quantification Settlement Agreement

Purpose: Declares the intention of the Legislature that the Coachella Valley Water District, the Imperial Irrigation District, and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California approve the Quantification Settlement Agreement so that certain federal guidelines relating to the Colorado River may be reinstated by the U.S. Department of Interior and that the transfer of water from the Imperial Irrigation District to the San Diego Water Authority be implemented.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Support

AB 306 (Kehoe): Water Meters

Purpose: Repeals a provision relating to the state goal for water measurement. Requires a water purveyor, by January 1, 2008, to install a water meter on service connections to residential and nonagricultural commercial buildings constructed prior to January 1, 1992. Requires a water purveyor, by January 1, 2009, to charge customers for water based on the actual volume of deliveries, as measured by a water meter.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

Solid Waste

SB 13 (Romero): Radiation Safety Act of 2003

Purpose: Prohibits the disposal of radioactive waste at a hazardous waste disposal facility that is subject to the State hazardous waste control laws. Exempts the disposal of solid or hazardous waste that contains TENORM (material that derives its radioactivity from naturally occurring sources of radiation in rocks, soil or minerals) at a solid or hazardous waste disposal facility from the licensing requirements imposed under the Radiation Control Law.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

Recycling

AB 1317 (Parra) Environmental Protection

Purpose: Deletes the Jan 1, 2004 repeal date of the Agricultural Biomass-to-Energy Incentive Grant Program, which permits air districts to receive grants to provide incentives to facilities that convert qualified agricultural biomass to fuel, thereby extending the program indefinitely.

Status: Senate

City Position: Support

AB 1375 (Daucher) Waste Discharge Requirements: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems

Purpose: Requires the State Water Resources Control Board and the regional boards to prescribe and enforce waste discharge requirements for municipal separate storm sewer systems in conformance with the maximum extent practicable standard set forth in the Clean Water Act. Defines the term "maximum extent practicable" standard for purposes of those provisions.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1405 (Wolk) California Watershed Protection & Restoration

Purpose: Enacts the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act. States the policy of the state to endorse local, collaborative watershed partnerships as being in the state's interest in terms of effectiveness, citizen involvement, and community responsibility

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support to the extent this assists resolution of IID agreement

AB 1406 (Wolk) Prop 50 Funds

Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds made available by the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 for wetland projects that incorporate mosquito abatement features.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Oppose. Earmarks Prop 50 funds

SB 23 (Sher): Beverage Containers

Purpose: Authorizes the Department of Conservation to pay the quality glass incentive payment to any operator that processes mixed color cullet to enable glass beverage containers to be utilized in the production of glass containers or fiberglass. Authorizes the department to increase recycling rates for plastic beverage containers by paying a plastic beverage container recycling incentive payment to eligible certified entities.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Support

SB 277 (Ducheny) Salton Sea: Colorado River

Purpose: Enacts the Salton Sea Restoration Act. Establishes the Salton Sea Restoration Fund to fund various purposes relating to the restoration of the Salton Sea. Authorizes contracts with water suppliers to purchase and sell water made available by specified means to achieve the goals of the act. Requires a review and report on the nature and extent of any economic impacts related to the Quantification Settlement Agreement in the Imperial Valley.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support to the extent this helps finalize IID agreement

SB 289 (Murray) Residential Solar Energy Systems

Purpose: Prohibits the construction of a single-family residence, that is intended for sale, unless the owner of the property offers potential bona fide purchasers the option of including a solar energy system on the residence before construction. Prohibits the construction of a single-family residence after January 1, 2006, unless the single-family residence is built with a solar energy system that converts the sun's energy into more than 50% of the energy needed.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

SB 312 (Machado) Urban Landscape Water Conservation

Purpose: Renames the Water Conservation in Landscaping Act as the Urban Landscape Water Conservation Act of 2003 and declares the Legislature's intent to modify the model water efficient landscape ordinance developed pursuant to the act to better promote the efficient use of water in the landscape while respecting the economic, environmental, aesthetic, and lifestyle choices of individuals and property owners.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

SB 318 (Alpert) Urban Water Suppliers: Desalinated

Purpose: Requires an urban water management plan to describe the opportunities for development of desalinated water as a long-term supply.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

SB 411 (Ducheny) Indian Gaming: Tribal State Compacts

Purpose: Ratifies specified tribal-State gaming compacts entered into between the State of California and the La Posta Band of Diegueno Mission Indians, and the Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueno Mission Indians.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 479 (Machado) Water Transfers

Purpose: Authorizes the Water Resources Control Board to approve a petition for a long term transfer of water only if it determines that the proposed transfer would not cause substantial, negative third party impacts.

Status: Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

City Position: Oppose

SB 518 (Escutia) Water Security, Coastal and Beach Protection

Purpose: Appropriates an unspecified amount of funds made available by Prop 50 for unspecified purposes.

Status: Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

Staff Recommendations: Oppose, earmarks Prop. 50 funds

SB 520 (Sher) ISO

Purpose: Requires the Independent System Operator to conduct an internal performance review and operational cost analysis comparing its costs with other system operators and to prepare and submit a report on its findings and conclusions to the Legislature.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

City Position: Support

SB 543 (Machado) Groundwater: Physical Solutions

Purpose: Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to file an action to prevent the impairment of rights to groundwater.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

SB 563 (Ackerman) Water Quality Information Clearinghouse

Purpose: Appropriates funds from bond funds made available by the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 to the University of California to fund the establishment of a Water Quality Information Clearinghouse, whose purpose would be to consolidate relevant information on water quality studies, available technologies, state regulations, and public and private grants.

Status: Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee

City Position: Support

SB 572 (Ducheny) Natl. Community Conservation Plan

Purpose: Adds a natural community conservation plan or subarea plan initiated prior to January 1, 2000, by Sweetwater Authority, Helix Water District, Padre Dam Municipal Water District, or Santa Fe Irrigation District, which is consistent with the San Diego MSCP, to the provisions of law enumerating those specified plans.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 654 (Machado) Water: Salton Sea: Colorado River

Purpose: Makes legislative findings that in order to resolve conflicts preventing the implementation of California's Colorado River Water Use Plan it is necessary to provide a mechanism to implement and allocate environmental mitigation responsibility between water agencies and the State for the implementation of the Quantification Settlement Agreement. Permits environmental mitigation requirement cost agreements by the Department of Fish and Game.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 697 (Soto) Public Utilities: Community Choice Aggregation

Purpose: Requires the Public Utilities Commission, upon the filing of a petition or other appropriate procedure determined by the commission, and upon the meeting of certain conditions, to establish separate distribution service rates and charges by an electrical corporation, for electricity, from an eligible renewable electricity generation source that is supplied to end use customers by an electric service provider.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

City Position: Support

SB 750 (Machado) Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality Act

Purpose: Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality, Flood Protection, and Water Supply Reliability Act of 2004.

Status: Senate Second Reading

City Position: Support

SB 944 (Hollingsworth) Imperial Valley Water Quality Protection Account

Purpose: Establishes the Imperial Valley Water Quality Protection Trust Account. Requires the Department of Water Resources to expend the funds in the account only to acquire water to prevent a material increase in salinity of the Salton Sea. Requires the department to expend these funds in proportion to the amount of water transferred in accordance with the terms of the Quantification Settlement Agreement.

Status: Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee

City Position: Watch



Environmental Stewardship

ACA 10 (Harmon): Local Government; property related fees; storm water

Purpose: Proposes a Constitutional amendment to exclude fees and charges for storm water and urban runoff management from voter approval requirements for the imposition or increase of property-related charges and fees.

Status: Assembly Elections, Redistricting and Constitutional Amendments Committee

City Position: Support

AB 927 (Campbell): Air Pollution; hydrogen refueling stations

Purpose: Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations establishing statewide guidelines for the production and licensing of hydrogen fuel cell refueling stations in the state, in collaboration with the Department of Transportation, the Public Utilities Commission, and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. Requires those agencies to perform those activities utilizing existing funding resources.

Status: Assembly Transportation Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 974 (Nation): Coastal Zone; Native American Sites

Purpose: Requires mitigation measures to be taken where development would adversely impact Native American culturally significant sites, as identified by the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Status: Senate

City Position: Watch

SB 694 (Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee): Public Resources

Purpose: Deletes a feasibility study by the Department of Conservation, and certain earthquake preparedness projects. Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to expend funds on specified sudden oak death management activities. Establishes the Coastal Trust Fund and the San Francisco Bay Area Conservancy account for farmland protection and coastal restoration.

Status: Assembly Third Reading

City Position: Support

SB 925 (McPherson): Invasive species

Purpose: Relates to the development of a comprehensive plan for dealing with aquatic invasive species in California. Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to that definition.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 972 (Denham): Noxious weeds

Purpose: Amends law concerning the noxious weed management program.

Status: Senate Rules Committee **FAILED PASSAGE**

City Position: Watch

AB 455 (Chu): Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act

Purpose: Enacts the "Toxics in Packaging Prevention Act"; prohibits a manufacturer or distributor from offering for sale or for promotional purposes any package or packaging component that includes any lead, cadmium, mercury, or hexavalent chromium in specified amounts, if that regulated metal has been intentionally introduced as an element during manufacturing or distribution.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 623 (Lieber): Hazardous Chemicals; discharge; warnings

Purpose: Prohibits a person from discharging or releasing, in the course of doing business, a chemical known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity into water or onto land where the chemical passes or is likely to pass into any source of drinking water, except as specified.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1367 (Laird): Hazardous Waste; regulation

Purpose: Authorizes the Department of Toxic Substances Control to adopt alternative hazardous waste management standards by regulation for hazardous waste management activities meet specified criteria. Requires the department to make specified findings and analysis available to the public before adopting regulation.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1640 (Laird): Hazardous Materials; enforcement

Purpose: Authorizes a unified program agency to suspend or revoke any unified program facility permit or element of a unified program facility permit for a violation of the requirements encompassed in the permit. Requires the permittee, if the permit or permit element is suspended or revoked, to immediately discontinue operating that facility or applicable unified program element until the permit is reinstated or a new permit is issued.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Oppose unless amended

SB 201 (Romero): Radioactive Materials

Purpose: Repeals the Radiation Control Law and enacts the Radioactive Materials Management Act, which would transfer the authority of the State Department of Health Services (DHS) under that law to the Department of Toxic Substances Control. Enacts the Nuclear Medicine and Radiological Materials Licensing Act and would authorize the DHS to regulate, under that act, radioactive materials or sources of ionizing radiation that are located at a health care facility.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 493 (Cedillo): Hazardous substances; liability

Purpose: Immunizes an innocent purchaser or bona fide prospective purchaser, as defined in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act from liability under specified State or local laws for the cost of response associated with a release or threatened release of a hazardous material at a site, if the innocent purchaser or bona fide prospective purchaser meets specified conditions. Exempts person with adjacent property.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Oppose

AB 734 (Montanez): Large Venue Recycling

Purpose: Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require businesses that own large venues, such as large arenas and amusement parks, to establish and implement diversion or waste reduction programs to reduce the amount of solid waste produced by those businesses.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1174 (Leslie): Electronic Waste Products

Purpose: Defines "electronic waste" for purposes of state recycling programs administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1466 (Koretz): Rigid plastic packaging container

Purpose: Defines the term plastic container for purposes of the California Integrated Waste Management Act, and revises the definition of recycling rate to instead include plastic containers.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1599 (Harman): Beverage container recycling & litter reduction act

Purpose: Makes a technical, nonsubstantive change to the provisions relating to funding for purposes of beverage container recycling and litter reduction.

Status: 2 Year Bill

City Position: Watch

SB 202 (Romero): Wood Waste; Preservatives

Purpose: Repeals the exemption for wood waste from the hazardous waste control laws. Prohibits any person from using chromated copper arsenate (CCA), pentachlorophenol (penta) or creosote to treat wood products or manufacturing a wood product treated with those substances. Provides that wood waste containing any measurable level of CCA, penta, or creosote is a hazardous waste for purposes of the hazardous waste control laws.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Oppose unless amended

SB 309 (Sher): Convenience zones; designation

Purpose: Requires the Department of Conservation, for purposes of the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act, to designate all convenience zones and to prepare a map or maps showing these convenience zones at least annually.

Status: Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 517 (Karnette): Rigid plastic packaging containers

Purpose: Relates to the California Integrated Waste Management Act, which requires every rigid plastic packaging container sold or offered for sale in this state to generally meet one of specified criteria. Includes, as a permitted criteria, that the container be made of biodegradable plastic.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Oppose

Proposition 50

AB 120 (Wyland): Clean Drinking Water

Purpose: Appropriates bond funds made available by the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002 to the State Water Resources Control Board for a grant to the Southern California Caulerpa Action Team to eradicate *Caulerpa taxifolia* in the Auga Hedionda Lagoon.

Status: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxics Committee

City Position: Watch

Native American Sites

SB 22 (Sher): Surface Mining and Reclamation

Purpose: Relates to the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act, which prohibits a person from conducting surface mining operations without obtaining a permit from the lead agency for those operations. Repeals the provision which makes certain requirements applicable to a lead agency contingent on the enactment of SB 1828 on or before January 1, 2003. In California, one site would qualify, Glamis Imperial Mining Project (Glamis). The Glamis mine is an open-pit, cyanide heap-leach gold mine on 1,500 acres of public land that would potentially destroy sacred sites of critical religious and cultural importance to the Quechan Indian tribe.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch.

Water Quality

AB 847 (Pavley) Natural Resources: State Coastal Conservancy

Purpose: Authorizes the State Coastal Conservancy to undertake watershed and coastal water quality projects, or award grants for those projects, to improve coastal water quality and protect marine resources in sensitive habitat areas.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 951 (Bates) Municipal Storm Water

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature, in subsequent amendments, to require the State Water Resources Control Board to convene an advisory panel focused on improving the municipal storm water permit system and recommending provisions to ensure fair treatment of municipalities statewide.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

SB 68 (Alpert): Water Quality: San Diego Bay

Purpose: Establishes the San Diego Bay Advisory Committee for Ecological Assessment. Requires the committee to prepare a report relating to the water quality and regulation of the San Diego Bay. Provides for the composition of the committee. Prohibits the committee members from receiving any compensation or from being reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Authorizes the committee to accept grants to carry out its reporting duties.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support if the advisory committee membership includes representation by environmental organizations.



Housing

Priority

AB 1475 (Steinberg) Housing: Homeless

Purpose: Requires that the Department of Housing and Community Development's selection criteria for funds under the Multifamily Housing Program give priority to projects that include a supportive services component that meets specified criteria, which may include participating in an evaluation under the criteria set forth in the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care Act.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

General Legislative Positions

AB 218 (Simitian) Local Planning: Housing Element

Purpose: Defines "housing unit" and "unit" for purposes of housing element requirements under the Planning and Zoning Law. Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development, when evaluating whether a housing element is consistent with state law, to count congregate housing for seniors that is identified within the housing element of a city or county for purposes of determining if the city or county meets its share of the regional housing needs.

Status: Vetoed

City Position: Watch

AB 332 (Mullin) Airports: Land Use Planning

Purpose: Declares the intent of the Legislature to clarify that school districts and community college districts are subject to an airport comprehensive land use compatibility plan. Provides that a local or public agency may propose to overrule an airport land use commission's action or recommendation affecting an airport within the jurisdiction of that public agency after a hearing.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 1112 (Lowenthal) Housing Opportunity Districts

Purpose: Enacts the Housing Near Transit Act, which would authorize a city, county, or city and county that has adopted a resolution of intent, to create a housing transit district, subject to approval by the Department of Housing and Community Development. Requires the property tax revenues resulting from increases in assessed value due to affordable housing construction be paid to the district.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Seek Amendments

AB 1160 (Steinberg) Housing: Second Units

Purpose: Provides that a local agency that has not adopted a specified ordinance may not require a variance or special use permit and shall approve an application for a 2nd unit that complies with the statutory requirements. Provides that multi-family and single-family residential use is a permitted use on any parcel zoned and developed for primary or secondary education.

Status: Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee

City Position: Oppose. Removes local control in favor of the State.

AB 1217 (Leno) Rental Property: Residential Hotels

Purpose: Relates to the Ellis Act, which generally prohibits public entities from adopting an ordinance or regulation to compel the owner of residential property to offer or to continue to offer accommodations for rent or lease. Exempts guestrooms or efficiency units within a residential hotel, as defined, from this prohibition.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch.

AB 1358 (Simitian) Redevelopment: Cities: Housing

Purpose: Provides for the care and treatment of persons with mental disorders who are eligible for the Medi-Cal program in a county psychiatric health facility in San Luis Obispo County, regardless of the bed capacity.

Status: Senate

City Position: Watch

AB 1400 (Wolk) Housing Accessibility

Purpose: Requires a developer of any new residential housing development to offer a buyer, at the buyer's expense, the option of making the home entrance, if topographically feasible, and the kitchen and bathrooms, fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 178 (Torlakson) Land Use

Purpose: Relates to AB 1426 which requires every city and county within the greater Sacramento region that issues building permits for residential units to require or otherwise cause at least 5% of the aggregate amount of new residential units to be affordable to, and occupied by, very low income households and at least 5% to be occupied by low-income households.

Status: Assembly

City Position: No Position – original content of bill amended out.

SB 353 (Ducheny) Multifamily Rental Housing Program

Purpose: Deletes the requirement under the Multifamily Rental Housing Program that any mortgage that encumbers a rental housing development as security for an obligation to the agency to have priority over any covenant or restriction imposed on the housing development as a condition for qualifying it for any financial assistance.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 491 (Ducheny) Local Govt.: Housing Element

Purpose: Relates to existing law that requires local governments within the regional jurisdiction of the San Diego association of Governments to revise the housing elements of their general plans by June 30, 2004, for the 4th revision. Extends the date for that 4th revision to December 31, 2004, for the local governments within the regional jurisdiction of the San Diego Association of Governments.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 619 (Ducheny) Housing

Purpose: Relates to existing law which prohibits a local agency from prohibiting or discriminating against a residential development or emergency shelter because of specified reasons. Additionally prohibits those actions from being taken because the development consists of a multifamily residential project or because of the method of financing or other specified assistance, and would include actions taken based in whole or in part on the specified reasons.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 744 (Dunn) Planning: Housing

Purpose: Provides that a city or county that has met at least 10% of its housing needs for each of the very low, low-, and moderate-income categories during the preceding year or 30% over the preceding 3 years shall receive priority eligibility in the award of competitive state grants or loans for planning, infrastructure, commercial or industrial development, or other economic development.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch.

AB 35 (Vargas): Cigarette and Tobacco Products Excise Tax

Purpose: Relates to the creation of the Rural Hospital Supplemental Payments Program to assist with costs of new hospital staffing requirements. Imposes a additional tax on the distribution of cigarettes. Provides for the disbursement of moneys in the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Surtax Fund to include the Breast Cancer Fund, tobacco cessation programs, local law enforcement funding, Medical services, funding to school and community college districts.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 77 (La Suer): San Diego County Regional Airport Authority

Purpose: Excludes unincorporated community of San Diego County known as Ramona from the Regional Airport Authority's exclusive responsibilities to study, plan, and implement any improvements, expansion, or enhancements at existing or future airports.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Oppose



Municipal Revenues & Operations

AB 146 (Kehoe): Child support

Purpose: Extends the low-income adjustment, for purposes of child support, to a parent with a net monthly disposable income of less than \$1,500. Authorizes the court in any default proceeding for child support to use specified statements and information in determining income, if a party fails to appear or provide that information.

Status: Assembly Business and Professions Committee

City Position: Watch – This bill is likely the vehicle for an attempt to extend the timeframe by which residents can remain at De Anza Mobile Home Park.

AB 361 (Kehoe): San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency

Purpose: Requires the San Diego Consolidated Transportation Agency to have concluded the public process of preparing and adopting a regional comprehensive plan by June 30, 2004. Requires the agency to make the regional plan policies and objectives available to all local agencies and to maintain data, maps, and other information used in formulating the plan in a form suitable for the availability of and use by other government agencies.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

AB 406 (Jackson): Environmental Quality

Purpose: Prohibits a person, including a project applicant or applicant's retained consultant, from submitting a draft environmental review document to the public agency responsible for reviewing the project. Prohibits a public agency responsible for reviewing environmental documents from accepting comments on a draft document until commencement of the comment period.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Oppose

AB 136 (Kehoe): Worker's compensation; disability; leaves of absence

Purpose: Provides that police officers, sheriffs, or firefighters are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment, for the period of disability, but not exceeding 2 years.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

Bond Measures

SB 778 (Ortiz): Biomedical Research & Development Act of 2004

Purpose: Enacts the Biomedical Research and Development Act of 2004, which if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an unspecified amount for purposes of financing a specified biomedical research and development program.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 887 (Perata): Seaports – security infrastructure improvement bond

Purpose: Enacts the Seaport Security and Port Neighborhood Transportation, Clean Air, and Navigation Improvement Bond Act. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for purposes of financing a seaport security and port neighborhood transportation, clean air, and navigation improvement program. Requires voter approval.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 998 (Bowen): Economic Stimulus and Public Infrastructure Security and Investment Bond Act

Purpose: Enacts the California Economic Stimulus and Public Infrastructure Security and Investment Bond Act, which authorizes, for the purpose of financing a program for economic stimulus and infrastructure investment, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,045,000,000.

Status: Senate Governmental Organization Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1066 (Liu): Seismic Safety Bond Act

Purpose: Enacts the Seismic Safety Bond Act of 2004 which, if adopted, would authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount of \$700 million to be allocated to the California Seismic Safety Bond Fund of 2004 to fund local government building and facility seismic safety retrofit projects.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

Employees

AB 285 (Negrete McLeod): Public retirement systems; reciprocity

Purpose: Eliminates restrictions regarding the period of time between the member's public employment subject to the various reciprocal retirement systems and would thereby make those reciprocal benefits available irrespective of the length of that intervening period.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

SB 927 (Alarcon): Stadiums and Arenas; health care benefits

Purpose: Require the operator of any stadium or arena, any portion of which is publicly financed or assisted in its operation by public funds, that is used by a sports team, to annually assess a fee on every professional sports team using the stadium to support 25% of the annual health care benefit costs of maintenance and support employees of the stadium or arena.

Status: Senate Labor and Industrial Relations Committee

City Position: Oppose

Local Government Taxation

AB 272 (Dutton): Sales and Use Taxes; Exemptions; Qualified Items

Purpose: Exempts from sales and use taxes qualified items that are purchased, stored, used, or consumed by a local emergency service provider. Provides that this exemption does not apply to local sales or transactions and use tax rates and certain state rates imposed for the funding of locally provided services.

Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

City Position: Support

AB 646 (Mullin): Local Agencies; revenue sharing

Purpose: Requires that cities and counties that adopt regional tax revenue-sharing agreements, including contracts that apportion sales tax generated by automobile dealerships or big box retailers, be given priority eligibility in the awarding of competitive state infrastructure funds.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1040 (Leno): Occupancy taxes; cigarette taxes

Purpose: Makes technical, nonsubstantive changes to provisions that authorize cities and counties to levy specified transient occupancy taxes, and provisions of the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Tax Law.

Status: Assembly Governmental Organization Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1221 (Steinberg): Taxation

Purpose: Prohibits, on or after July 1, 2004, a city from imposing a sales and use tax under the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law at a rate in excess of 1/2 of 1% and a county from imposing a sales and use tax at a rate in excess of 3/4 of 1%. Increases, on and after July 1, 2004, the sales and use tax rate under the Sales and Use Tax Law by 1/2 of 1%. Increases, for the 2004-05 fiscal year, the property tax deemed allocated to cities and counties.

Status: Assembly Inactive File

City Position: Watch

AB 1487 (Levine): Sales tax; infrastructure

Purpose: Declares the Legislature's intent to enact legislation that would utilize sales taxes to fund state infrastructure projects.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

AB 1502 (Laird): Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act

Purpose: Allows any public entity, authorized to acquire interests in property from state bonds approved by the voters, to expend bond funds by paying to the General Fund the amount of the tax credit necessary to acquire the property by donation pursuant to the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1602 (Bates): Local Government Finance

Purpose: Allows a qualified county, in a qualified fiscal year, to apply to the Governor to request that local agencies in that county be permitted to negotiate the allocation of that portion of the annual tax increment that exceeds 2% of total property tax revenues allocated in the county for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Provides that school entities be reimbursed by the state for any revenue losses resulting from the bill.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 1690 (Leno): Fire protection finance agencies

Purpose: Authorizes any city, county, or city and county to form a fire protection finance agency for the purposes of supplementing fire protection services and financing needed capital improvements for its fire department or for any other public agency that provides fire protection services within its boundaries.

Status: Senate

City Position: Watch

ACA 7 (Dutra): Transportation Funding; Sales and Use Tax

Purpose: Authorizes a county, a city and a regional transportation agency to impose an additional sales and use tax for a period of 20 to 30 years at a rate of 0.5% exclusively for transportation purposes within the jurisdiction of the county, city or regional transportation agency if the additional tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the jurisdiction voting on the proposition to impose the tax.

Status: Assembly Floor

City Position: Support

ACA 9 (Levin): Local Government Taxation; special taxes

Purpose: Proposes a Constitutional amendment to change voter-approval requirements to authorize a city, county, or special district, but not a school entity under certain circumstances, to impose a special tax with the approval of a majority of its voters voting on the tax, and authorizes a city and county to impose a general tax with the approval of 2/3 of the voters of the city or county voting on the tax.

Status: Assembly Floor

City Position: Watch

ACA 12 (Leslie): Government Spending

Purpose: Enacts provisions designated as the California Fiscal Responsibility and Taxpayer Protection Act. Limits annual state revenue increases in a calendar year from taxes, fees, or other means to the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index or comparable data for California for the previous calendar year, and would limit annual state General Fund expenditures to the percentage increase in California personal income.

Status: Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 526 (Torlakson): Property tax revenue shifts; exemption

Purpose: Reduces the reduction and transfer amounts of qualified local agencies by the property taxes lost as a result of the granting of a specified exemption from property taxes for affordable housing developments that are put into service on or after a specified date.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

SB 959 (McClintock): Sales & Use Tax

Purpose: Makes a technical nonsubstantive change to existing law that authorizes the imposition of a sales and use tax on retail sales of tangible personal property and provides that the sale of tangible personal property to a contractor or subcontractor for use in the performance of contracts with the United States is a retail sale.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

City Position: Watch

Permitting, Contracts and Zoning

AB 281 (Bermudez): Local Agency Public Construction Act: Bidders

Purpose: Prohibits the standardized questionnaire from requiring a prospective bidder for a public works contract to demonstrate financial capacity other than the bidder's ability to secure a payment bond. Requires a public entity that establishes a prequalification process to provide notice of this process, and to notify prospective bidders of their prequalification status within 15 business days of the closing time for bids.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 470 (Bermudez): Conditional Use Permit; religious facility

Purpose: Prohibits any requirement by a city or county for a conditional use permit for any facility to be used primarily as a place of religious services, religious worship, or religious activities and that is located on land that is zoned for religious use.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Oppose

AB 677 (Firebaugh): Environmental Quality Act

Purpose: Requires a local agency or specified person, when the agency determines that a project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act's requirements for certain reasons and when the agency approves or determines to carry out that project, to file notice of the determination with the Office of Planning and Research.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Oppose

AB 1034 (Mullin): Housing; building standards

Purpose: Authorizes the collection of fees, costs, or charges incurred in the correction of any violation of building standards regulations or ordinances. Requires certain local ordinances or regulations to permit the replacement, retention, and extension of original materials and the use of methods of construction for any building or accessory structure, as long as the portion of the building complies with the building code provisions governing that portion.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 1189 (Wiggins): Public Contracts

Purpose: Enacts the "California First" Procurement Act to express the intent of the Legislature that California-based business bidders have the precedence over non-California based bidders in the application of any bidder preference for which non-California based business bidders may be eligible.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

AB 1228 (Dutton): Zoning ordinances; radio antennas

Purpose: Requires that any ordinance adopted by the legislative body of a city or county that regulates amateur radio station antenna structures not preclude amateur radio service communications, reasonably accommodate amateur radio service communications, and allow amateur radio station antenna structures to be erected at heights and dimensions sufficient to accommodate amateur radio service communications.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Oppose

AB 1322 (Horton, S): Environmental Quality; exception

Purpose: Provides an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act's requirements for a project that is consistent with a properly granted zoning variance from a general plan of a local agency for which an environmental impact report was certified.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1347 (Maze): Development Agreements

Purpose: Requires every city, county, or city and county to deposit any fee it receives or cost it recovers in connection with a development agreement into a special account whose receipts and disbursements shall be reported publicly at least every 12 months. Provides that the record of those transactions would be a public record available for inspection at any time pursuant to the Public Records Act.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Oppose

AB 1421 (Cogdill): Public Works; prevailing wage

Purpose: Exempts public works financed through the use of industrial development bonds under the California Industrial Development Financing Act from compliance with laws relating to payment of prevailing wages. Redefines public works under the Act. Exempts from prevailing wage requirements a community facilities district that is located within the boundaries of a charter city that has adopted a resolution or ordinance exempting itself.

Status: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

City Position: No Position

SB 699 (Sher): Local planning agencies; duties

Purpose: Require general plans to include the degree to which the approved general plan complies with specified guidelines for the preparation of the mandatory elements of the general plan and the date of the last revision to the general plan. By imposing new duties on planning agencies, the bill would create a state-mandated local program.

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

City Position: Oppose

SB 898 (Burton): Open Space and Agricultural Land

Purpose: Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide long-term protection for California's productive agricultural lands and the viability of this important sector of the State economy.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Oppose

SB 997 (Sher): Land Use; development fees

Purpose: Provides that the identification of the public facilities may be made in an applicable general or specified plan for purposes of the Mitigation Fee Act to identify the purpose of a development fee and the use to which it is to be put.

Status: Senate Local Government Committee

City Position: Support

Civil Litigation

AB 972 (Correa): False Claims Act

Purpose: Amends the False Claims Act. Authorizes a political subdivision to file a civil action only if it concludes that there is a reasonable, good faith belief that a violation of the act has occurred and that filing the action would not be in retaliation for a contractor's good faith dispute regarding change orders.

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

City Position: Watch

Planning and Development Services

SB 115 (Torlakson): Real Property

Purpose: Requires documents of intention to offer subdivided land for sale or lease, filed with the Department of Real Estate, to include a written statement or map from the city or county planning department that indicates the zoning, including the permitted housing densities, of all lands within 1/4 mile of the exterior boundary of the real property.

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

City Position: Oppose – substantial costs associated with the additional requirements placed on City staff to provide the written statement.



Neighborhood Services

Priorities

AB 222 (Corbett): California Reading and Library Bond Act of 2004

Purpose: Enacts the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2004. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation pursuant to a program administered by the State Librarian.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

SB 40 (Alpert): Reading, Literacy and Public Library Bond Act of 2004

Purpose: Enacts the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2004. Authorizes the issuance of bonds for the purpose of financing library construction and renovation pursuant to a program administered by the State Librarian.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1222 (Montanez): Parks and Recreation; Roberti-Z'berg-Harris

Purpose: Deletes the requirement that cities, counties, and districts receiving Roberti-Z'berg-Harris grants provide matching money.

Status: Senate

City Position: Support

NOTE: The exact provisions of this bill were incorporated in the 2003-2004 State Budget Act. The local match requirement for Roberti-Z'berg-Harris grants has been eliminated.

General Legislative Positions

AB 1475 (Steinberg): Housing; Homeless

Purpose: Requires that the Department of Housing and Community Development's selection criteria for funds under the Multifamily Housing Program give priority to projects that include a supportive services component that meets criteria, which may include participating in an evaluation under the criteria set forth in the Adult and Older Adult Mental Health System of Care.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support



Public Safety

Priority

AB 136 (Kehoe): Worker's compensation; disability; leaves of absence

Purpose: Provides that police officers, sheriffs, or firefighters are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment, for the period of disability, but not exceeding 2 years.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 193 (Cohn): Early stroke care and procedures

Purpose: States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address methods for the establishment of standards and protocols for early stroke diagnosis and stroke patient care.

Status: Assembly Judiciary Committee

City Position: Support

AB 911 (Longville): Local emergency telephone number system; 911

Purpose: Authorizes a local public agency to enact an ordinance that defines what constitutes a nuisance call to the 911 service and provides for the imposition of a fine on any person who makes a nuisance call.

Status: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee

City Position: Support

SB 911 (Alpert): Local emergency telephone system

Purpose: Creates the State 911 Administrative Board comprised of specified members appointed by the Governor to approve, modify, or deny decisions of the Communications Division pursuant to Warren-911-Emergency Assistance Act. Provides that the division would be required to obtain board approval in carrying out its duties under the act.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

AB 914 (Reyes): Electricity: Financing Energy Recovery

Purpose: Authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to issue financing orders to support the issuance of energy recovery bonds by the State Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, secured by a dedicated rate component, for any electrical corporation that filed for federal bankruptcy protection. Provides the bonds only be issued as part of a plan or reorganization endorsed by the commission after finding the ratepayers will benefit.

Status: Senate

City Position: Watch

Controlled Substances

AB 797 (Bogh): Manufacture; conspiracy

Purpose: Imposes volume or amount enhancements for the unlawful possession of specified chemicals with intent to manufacture methamphetamine or phencyclidine, or for a conspiracy to commit such an unlawful act. Provides that the conspiracy enhancements be imposed based on the amount of controlled substances offered or negotiated to be unlawfully manufactured.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1301 (Simitian): Alcohol and controlled substances; minors

Purpose: Provides that a parent who permits his or her child or one or more other persons in the company of the child, who are under the age of 21 years, to consume an alcoholic beverage at the home of the parent is guilty of a misdemeanor if the child or other underage person, after leaving the parent's home, drives a vehicle under the influence of alcohol in involved in an accident.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 131 (Sher): Marijuana; Possession; Penalty

Purpose: Provides that, except as authorized by law, every person who possesses not more than 28.5 grams of marijuana, other than concentrated cannabis, is, for the first offense, guilty of an infraction, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100, and is, for the 2nd offense, guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Oppose

SB 496 (Alpert): Drug endangered children

Purpose: Provides that it is a crime punishable by imprisonment in a state prison for 2, 4, or 6 years for any person to cause or permit any child to absorb, inhale, or otherwise ingest any amount of certain specified controlled substances, or to permit a child to be placed in a situation where methamphetamine is manufactured or sold.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

Firearms

AB 1290 (Jackson): Prohibitions

Purpose: Relates to the prohibition against persons with certain convictions, or drug addicts, from owning or possessing a firearm. Expands this provision to additionally prohibit purchasing, receiving, or attempting to purchase, own, receive, possess, or have under one's custody or control, a firearm.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

Fire Department

AB 28 (Pavley): Firefighting; Hazardous materials equipment

Purpose: Establishes in the Office of Emergency Services a Firefighting Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment Program to provide funding for the purchase of hazardous materials response apparatus and equipment to state and local agencies that provide fire protection services. Requires the director of the OES to establish criteria for the deployment of this equipment.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 904 (Lowenthal): Arson; registration

Purpose: Requires a person to register as an arsonist if the person is convicted, on or after a specified date, in any other state, federal or military court, of any offense that if committed or attempted in this state would have been punishable as arson, or if the person has been ordered by any other court to register as an arsonist unless the person has been relieved of the legal obligation to register.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Support

Sex Offenders

AB 26 (Pacheco): Sex Offenders: Registration

Purpose: Requires that sex offender registration be categorized by community of residence and county. Requires the Department of Justice to provide specified information regarding registered sex offenders via the Internet. Requires an applicant, before being allowed to access the site, to provide his or her state driver's license number or state identification card number and current address. Prohibits registered sex offenders from accessing the site.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Support

AB 27 (Parra): Sex Offender Registration

Purpose: Extends “Megan’s Law” which requires the Department of Justice to continually compile specified information categorized by community of residence and zip code regarding any person required to register as a sex offender for a conviction for the commission or attempted commission of any specified sex offense. States the intent of the Legislature to consider posting information about sex offenders on the Internet under certain conditions.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 506 (Maze): Sexual assault victims; toxicology testing

Purpose: Provides, in addition and subject to the sexual assault victim's refusal, that where indicated by the history of the contact, the victim's urine would be collected for toxicology purposes, to determine if drugs or alcohol were use in connection with the assault.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 1205 (Maldonado): Outpatient status; notification

Purpose: Requires a community program director to provide preplacement notification to the relevant local law enforcement agency regarding the placement on outpatient status of any person required to register as a sex offender. Allows the disclosure of information and records by a community program director to a local law enforcement agency regarding a person placed on outpatient status who is required to register as a sex offender.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1444 (Bates): Forensic identification

Purpose: Requires any person convicted of any sex offense to provide DNA samples to the Department of Justice for inclusion in the DNA and Forensic Identification Data Base.

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

City Position: Support

Training and Counseling

AB 1383 (Wesson): Peace officers

Purpose: Requires those continuing professional training requirements adopted by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to include the study of racial and cultural differences among the residents of this state. Provides that every peace officer employed by a local law enforcement agency would be entitled to consult with an independent psychologist on a one-time, one-visit basis, once every 4 years, at agency expense.

Status: Senate

City Position: Oppose

AB 1671 (Chu): Hate incidence training

Purpose: Expresses the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would require the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to develop a standardized method of identifying and reporting hate incidences.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

AB 1673 (Chu): Hate crimes and hate incidence training

Purpose: Expresses the intent of the Legislature to require local law enforcement agencies to track and report hate crimes and hate incidences to the Attorney General.

Status: Assembly

City Position: Watch

Vehicles

AB 45 (Simitian): Vehicles; mobile phones

Purpose: Makes it an infraction, operative January 1, 2005, to drive a motor vehicle while using a wireless telephone, unless the telephone is designed and configured to allow hands-free operation, and is used in that manner while driving. Provides this prohibition does not apply to a person who is using the telephone to contact a law enforcement agency or public safety entity for emergencies. Exempts emergency service personnel operating an emergency vehicle.

Status: Senate

City Position: Support

AB 301 (Reyes): Vehicles; Video Displays

Purpose: Prohibits any person from operating a motor vehicle equipped with a video monitor, or a video screen, or any other, similar means of visually displaying a video signal, if the device is located in the motor vehicle at any point forward of the back of the driver's seat, or is visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle. Provides that this prohibition does not apply to specified equipment.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 657 (Bogh): Vehicle forfeiture; driving under the influence

Purpose: Requires a court to declare a motor vehicle driven by a defendant to be a nuisance if the defendant is convicted of certain subsequent offenses involving driving under the influence or a first offense of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated or vehicular manslaughter while under the influence and to have the motor vehicle sold.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

City Position: Support

AB 1663 (Dutra): Vehicle forfeiture; storage

Purpose: Provides that a peace officer is authorized to either immediately arrest a person and cause the removal and seizure of the vehicle he or she was operating or, if the vehicle is involved in a traffic collision, cause the removal and seizure of the vehicle, without the necessity of arresting the person, if the peace officer determines that the person was driving the vehicle while his or her driving privilege was ordered suspended or revoked.

Status: Assembly Transportation Committee

City Position: Support



Transportation

Priority

ACA 7 (Dutra): Transportation Funding; Sales and Use Tax

Purpose: Authorizes a county, a city and a regional transportation agency to impose an additional sales and use tax for a period of 20 to 30 years at a rate of 0.5% exclusively for transportation purposes within the jurisdiction of the county, city or regional transportation agency if the additional tax is approved by 55% of the voters of the jurisdiction voting on the proposition to impose the tax.

Status: Assembly Floor

City Position: Support

SCA 2 (Torlakson): Local Government; Sales Taxes; Transportation

Purpose: Authorizes a county, a city and county, a local transportation authority, or a regional transportation agency, with the approval of a majority of its voters voting on the proposition, to impose a special tax for the privilege of selling tangible personal property at retail that it is otherwise authorized to impose, if the tax is imposed exclusively to fund transportation projects and services and smart growth planning.

Status: Senate Floor

City Position: Support

General Legislative Position

AB 594 (Leno) CEQA: Creation of Bike Lanes

Purpose: Removes the requirement that the restriping of existing pavement for the purposes of installing bike lanes is exempt from CEQA requirements.

Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

City Position: Oppose



Additional Legislation

The Governmental Relations Department determined official positions on the following list of legislation by using the City's Legislative Policy Guidelines. The use of the guidelines was necessary due to the manner and timing in which the following bills were amended and heard by the Legislature.

AB 118 (Frommer) Rental Vehicles Transaction Fees

Purpose: Requires rental care companies to collect a specified impact fee on each rental transaction. Requires the companies to remit all fees to the State Board of Equalization to be deposited in the Transportation Congestion Relief Fund and funds to be allocated exclusively to certain construction projects at locations found to be used by a high proportion of rental cars.

Status: 2 Year Bill

City Position: Watch

AB 227 (Vargas) Worker's Compensation

Purpose: Relates to the financing of insolvent workers' compensation insurers by the California Insurance Guarantee Association (CIGA) and financing of same by the State Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank, payment of claims of insolvent insurers resulting from a natural disaster, levying an assessment on workers' compensation insurers to cover certain bonds, the maximum fine for workers' compensation insurance fraud.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

AB 256 (Kehoe) Public Works: State Projects and Property

Purpose: Revises various provisions related to a certain project within the jurisdiction of the Capitol Area Plan. Deletes the authority of the Director of General Services to sell, lease or exchange certain existing State office space and parking facilities in the City of San Diego and to enter into an agreement with the city for the development of new office space and instead to director to purchase land and to construct the facility.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

AB 457 (Negrete-McLeod) Public Employees' Retirement: Early Retirement

Purpose: Authorizes specified State, local and school employees, including State judicial and legislative and California State University employees to receive credit for up to 2 additional years of service or 2 additional years of age or both, and, in certain circumstances, to receive credit for accrued leave time if those employees retire within a designated period, prior to a specified date and certain conditions are met.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 459 (Negrete-McLeod) Public Employees: Retirement and Health Benefits

Purpose: Deletes certain provisions of the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act to provide membership for any labor organization that is a non-profit corporation with public employee members. Reduces the creditable service requirement for certain persons to qualify for membership in the Public Employees' Retirement System. Deletes an annual increase in monthly employer contributions for annuitants and bases the contribution on a yearly calculation.

Status: Senate Rules Committee

City Position: Watch

AB 719 (Negrete-McLeod) Public Employees' Retirement: Enhancement

Purpose: Authorizes specified members of the Public Employees' Retirement System, including employees or officers of the State, the university, a school employer or a contracting agency and certain legislative employees, to elect to make additional contributions and receive up to 5 years of additional retirement service credit, subject to specified limitations.

Status: Senate Appropriations

City Position: Watch

AB 944 (Steinberg) Parking and Business Improvement Areas Assessments

Purpose: Relates to the Parking and Business Improvement District Law that authorizes cities to form property and business districts that may levy assessments for the purpose of making improvements and promoting activities within the district. Authorizes the assessments to be levied for the purpose of making improvements and promoting activities of benefit to the businesses within the district. Revises business and property owners rights and obligations.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

AB 1362 (Kehoe) Workers' Compensation: Disability: Leave

Purpose: Relates to workers' compensation. Provides that police officers, sheriffs or firefighters are entitled to a leave of absence without loss of salary while disabled by injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment, for the period of disability, but not exceeding 2 years.

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

City Position: Watch. See AB 136 on Pages 32 & 40

SB 2 (Burton) Healthcare Coverage

Purpose: Creates the State Health Purchasing Program administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. Requires specified health benefits be provided directly by employers or through the program. Requires the board to arrange health plan coverage for certain employers who would be required to pay a fee for employee health coverage. Authorizes the board to coordinate coverage under the program with coverage under Medi-Cal, Healthy Families and other programs.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 18 (Burton) Traditional Tribal Cultural Sites

Purpose: Establishes the Traditional Tribal Cultural Site (TTCS) Register developed and maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission. Creates additional exemptions from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prohibits an exemption from CEQA for a project that the commission determines may cause a substantial adverse change in the TTCS. Specifies procedures that a lead agency must follow when a project involves a TTCS.

Status: Assembly Unfinished Business

City Position: Oppose

SB 268 (Soto) Public Employees' Retirement: Service Credit

Purpose: Authorizes Public Employee Retirement Service members who have elected to purchase service credit on an installment basis to prospectively discontinue the payments if the member becomes disabled and the service credit purchase will not result in a higher retirement allowance than the member's disability retirement allowance. Relates to survivor benefits. Requires any service credit purchase payments after a certain date, meet certain requirements.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 305 (Ducheny) Local Development

Purpose: Transfer the authority to designate and expand enterprise zones to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Relates to provisions authorizing the assessment of civil penalties on mobile home and manufactured home dealers who commit certain unlawful acts. Deletes violations relating to allowing the dealer an option to purchase. Includes violations relating to advertising of costs, within provisions authorizing the department to issue citations.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 420 (Vasconcellos) Medicinal Marijuana

Purpose: Requires the Department of Health Services to establish and maintain a voluntary program for the issuance of identification cards to qualified patients. Establishes procedures under which a qualified patient with an identification card may use marijuana for medical purposes. Specifies the department's duties in this regard, including developing related protocols and forms. Establishes application and renewal fees for the program.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Pending

SB 430 (Johnson) Statewide Primary Election

Purpose: Requires, until January 1, 2005, that the statewide direct primary election be held on the last Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year. Retains the requirement that the presidential primary election be held on the first Tuesday in March in any year evenly divisible by the number 4, but instead requires that the statewide direct primary election not be consolidated with the presidential primary election in those years.

Status: Assembly Third Reading

City Position: Oppose

SB 436 (Soto) Public Employees' Retirement System

Purpose: Relates to the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act that permits the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to enter into contracts with certain entities offering health benefits plans. Eliminates the limitation on these contracts. Permits the board to require contracting agencies to comply with certain criteria. Permits the board to contract for health benefits for employees and retirees under certain conditions.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 460 (Alpert) Local Government: Transportation Investment Fund

Purpose: Suspends the maintenance of effort requirements for any fiscal year in which the transfer of revenue from the General Fund to the Transportation Investment Fund is suspended and funds from this source consequently are not made available for allocation to cities or counties. Deletes provisions of existing law that makes the employees of the Treasure Island Development Authority subject to civil service provisions as employees of San Francisco city or county.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 566 (Scott) Transactions and Use Tax: Maximum Allowable Rate

Purpose: Authorizes any city or county to levy, increase or extend a transactions and use tax in accordance with the Transactions and Use Tax Law. Provides the combined rate of transactions and use taxes in any county may not exceed 2%.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Watch

SB 1078 (Chesbro) Disposal Fees: Solid Waste Collection Vehicles

Purpose: Requires the operator of a solid waste collection vehicle to pay a fee for each ton of solid waste submitted for disposal at a solid waste disposal facility. Requires the owner of the disposal facility to forward the fee to the Board of Equalization and for the board to expend the funds to pay an operator of the vehicle for the actual land eligible costs of best available control technology to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions.

Status: Assembly Natural Resources Committee

City Position: Oppose

SB 317 (Kuehl): Resources

Purpose: Relates to the execution of the Quantification Settlement Agreement by a certain date, a study of the restoration of the Salton Sea ecosystem and protection of dependent wildlife, water rights, use and delivery in the Imperial Irrigation District during the term of the settlement agreement, the use of additional conserved Colorado River water from the district, and ecosystem restoration fee during the initial term of the agreement.

Status: Chaptered

City Position: Support

SB 774 (Vasconcellos): Hypodermic Needles

Purpose: Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to sell or furnish 30 or fewer hypodermic needles or syringes to a person without a prescription if the pharmacy is registered with a local health department in the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project that would be created by this bill to evaluate the long-term desirability of allowing such pharmacies to sell or furnish nonprescription hypodermic needles or syringes to prevent the spread of blood-borne pathogens.

Status: Vetoed

City Position: No Position